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Personal Mention

Brother L. S. Bauman begins a series of meetings at Bryan, Ohio, and our people at that place are hopeful for a rich harvest. May the Lord grant it.

Brother Simon Mikesell requests us to insert the following which we gladly give space: Any Brethren church in Miami Valley wishing to secure a pastor, please write me at Troy, Ohio.

Brother Byers is now engaged in revival work at Middle Branch, an appointment in his pastorate. Brother E. D. Burnworth will preach at his appointment at Louisville, this coming Sabbath.

Sirter Grisso has had quite a sad experience the last few days, but we are glad to report that she is doing well at this time. May the Lord grant her complete recovery from her physical ailments.

We have on hand for next week's issue a sermon by brother L. S. Bauman on the Crime of Unbelief, preached at Philadelphia and Allentown, Pa., and suggested by the crime of President McKinley's assassin.

The reader will of course be interested in the correspondence between Brother Bauman and that somebody in Persia. See his communication elsewhere and learn his name and location; also the subject matter of the letter.

This morning (Wednesday) Brother Eikenberry received a message announcing the death of one of the members of the Williamstown congregation, requesting him to come and attend the funeral services Thursday morning of this week.

Brother J. D. McFaden is expected to conduct a series of meetings in Oklahoma sometime in the month of October. The work in Oklahoma is growing and that territory seems to be a good field for the Brethren. It should be developed, but it is the same old story, "the laborers are few."

Bible and Missionary Conferences are becoming a very important element in our church life and work. The program of a Bible Conference to be held at Falls City, Nebraska, beginning October 4, appears in this issue of the Evangelist. Brethren Samuel Lichty, Talley, Bauman, and Ditch, the pastor will conduct this Conference which promises to result in much good.

Away over Sabbath: Brother Burnworth, at Glenford; Brother Eikenberry, at Williamstown; Brother Oberholtzer, at Mansfield. Brother Beachler left more than a week ago on account of sickness. We have had no word from him and therefore cannot report as to his condition. We trust that he may have fully recovered and that he will soon again be found in the ranks of the "boys."

In this issue Brother Shively, tells of the California Camp Meeting. We have on the hook for next week Calif. Camp Meeting, No. 2, in which we feel sure our people will be interested. The Brethren on the Pacific coast are wide awake and some day that faraway land will be a stronghold for the Brethren church. It has already been announced that Brother Darling, pastor of the Pittsburg church, will be added to the force of workers in California.

We are in receipt of a letter from Brother A. E. Shrum which tells a pitiful tale indeed. Brother Shrum moved to Western Texas hoping to do something for the cause of Christ and for himself also, but the drought visited that section of the country, and he and his family are now in absolute want. The letter is dated Shreveport, La., September 23, at which time and place Brother Shrum was sick, unable to do anything. He is anxious to come North, and if any brother will send money sufficient to move his family he will pay it back in any kind of work. Is there one who can help the brother?

Yes, Brother Lyon, we too have the honor of a personal acquaintance with the pastor of the church where President Roosevelt worships God. Brother J. M. Schick was for a number of years pastor of Meyersdale Reformed church during our pastorate at that place. He is a scholar and Christian gentleman, and we may be assured that no part of the truth will be withheld in that pulpit because of the presence of the President of the United States. He is a fearless, conscientious preacher of the gospel. We remember Brother Schick as the man who gave us the first lessons in Greek at Meyersdale. You will oblige the editor, Brother Lyon, by kindly remembering us to him when again you meet him.

By this time Brother Gillin is hard at work in the Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He has ordered his address changed from Waterloo, Iowa, to New York City, Cornell Mem. Church, No. 76th St. near 2nd Ave. where his friends may address him. Brother Gillin will now be brought in touch with men of giant intellects, the great masters of human thought, and we

trust that he will not be selfish with what he draws from these fountains of thought. Without intending any reflection whatever we are real glad that our brother is well rooted and grounded in the faith of the Brethren church for many of us know only too well the trend of religious thought in that great center of population. And yet with all there is present in mighty power the true evangelistic spirit, and we hope to see brother Gillin return to his labors in the Brethren church with yet increased efficiency for the greater duties and responsibilities awaiting those who will prepare for them.

Brother J. M. Bowman, of Dayton, Va., writes: "I had a good summer's work, and the Lord has blessed my efforts for which I am thankful to him. Would that I could do more in my line of work, teaching to sing the praises of God among our own people, and teach more in our own churches. But my field seems to be among other churches and entirely out of the district of Brethren churches. We are anticipating a religious feast at our home church in Dayton, Va. Brother Tombaugh of Hagerstown, Md., is to conduct the revival services beginning Monday, September 30, and to continue for more than two weeks, concluding with a communion service." We are in receipt of a circular from Brother Bowman announcing "The American Normal School of Music," to be held at Ft. Payne, De Kalb County, Alabama, beginning Nov. 27, and lasting twenty days. We regret that such men can not or are not employed by our own people in singing the gospel. The power of song is not yet fully appreciated in the work of winning souls to Christ.

We heartily commend the plan adopted by Brother Ditch of Falls City, Nebraska, pastorate. He gave an entire service to a review of the work of our "best" Conference. It occurs to us that this is just what every pastor in the brotherhood who was present at the Conference should do. True, the report of the work of the Conference was given in the paper, but one who was present to hear the addresses and was made to feel the enthusiasm and the power that pervaded the meeting can better reach the hearts of his people than thru the printed column. Our people need to be informed and to keep informed in all the forward movements of the church; they should be made to feel the very spirit and power that are present at our Conferences, and this can be done only by personal contact. Let all the pastors whose privilege it was to be present at the late Conference appear before their people and present to them an outline of the work of the Conference, the first one in the new century, and one which will be remembered as the beginning of a new departure in the Brethren church. Next week we will give, editorially, our impression of the first national conference of the twentieth century.

Brother Cassel makes a very plain statement in this issue as to the needs of our several national missions. Brethren, it is useless to purchase church houses and parsonages in our large cities if we neglect to support the work. But our people are not going to do that. These missions have been supported, not always as they should have been, but fully as well as could be expected under the circumstances, and the support will not be withdrawn now. The spirit manifested at the Conference is in evidence of this statement. The Conference purchased that \$6,000 property for a purpose, and that purpose to build up the cause of the Brethren church in Chicago. While you are looking after the money to pay for that property do not overlook the more important and vital interest, that of supporting the missionaries who are expected to take care of the work. There are two things, therefore, for which Brother Cassel